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Lonnie Henley retired from federal service in 2019 after more than 40 years as an intelligence officer and East Asia expert. Mr. Henley served 22 years as a US Army China foreign area officer and military intelligence officer in Korea, and in various positions at the Defense Intelligence Agency, on Army Staff, and in the History Department at West Point. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2000 and joined the senior civil service, first as Defense Intelligence Officer for East Asia and later as Senior Intelligence Expert for Strategic Warning at DIA. He worked two years as a senior analyst with CENTRA Technology, Inc. before returning to government service as Deputy National Intelligence Officer for East Asia. He rejoined DIA in 2008, serving for six years as the agency's senior China analyst, then as National Intelligence Collection Officer for East Asia, and finally again with a second term as Defense Intelligence Officer for East Asia. Mr. Henley holds a bachelor's degree in engineering and Chinese from the US Military Academy at West Point, and master's degrees in Chinese language from Oxford University, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar; in Chinese history from Columbia University; and in strategic intelligence from the Defense Intelligence College (now National Intelligence University).

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